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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/622,014	Applicant(s) KIKUCHI, JIRO	
	Examiner Eugene Yun	Art Unit 2618	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 June 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 16 July 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mizumoto (JP 6-216785 "IDS") in view of Alm (US 4,719,350).

Referring to Claim 1, Mizumoto teaches a transmission circuit comprising:

a power amplifier whose gain is controlled (see paragraph [0011]);

a detector which detects a transmission signal from the power amplifier and outputs a detection voltage corresponding to a level of the signal (see paragraph [0012]); and

a gain controller which compares a transmission power set voltage for setting the level of the transmission signal to be outputted from the power amplifier with the detection voltage and supplies a gain control voltage to the power amplifier (see paragraph [0013]), wherein the transmission power set voltage is sent through a low pass filter to the gain controller (see paragraph [0016]).

Mizumoto does not teach the low pass filter comprising a capacitor. Alm teaches the low pass filter comprising a capacitor (see col. 9, lines 27-39). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made

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to provide the teachings of Alm to said device of Mizumoto in order to better reduce noise in a transmission circuit.

Referring to Claim 2, Mizumoto also teaches the low pass filter including an integration circuit (see paragraph [0016]). Mizumoto does not teach the low pass filter also including a capacitor and resistor. Alm teaches the low pass filter also including a capacitor and resistor (see col. 9, lines 27-39). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the teachings of Alm to said device of Mizumoto in order to better reduce noise in a transmission circuit.

Referring to Claim 3, Mizumoto also teaches an open/close switch to activate or inactivate the power amplifier, and wherein the transmission power set voltage is sent through the open/close switch to the low pass filter (see paragraph [0015]).

Referring to Claim 4, Alm also teaches the low pass filter directly connected to the gain controller (see col. 9, lines 27-39).

Referring to Claim 5, Mizumoto also teaches the low pass filter directly connected to the open/close switch (see paragraph [0015]).

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-5 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

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4. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP

§ 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).


A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Eugene Yun whose telephone number is (571) 272-7860. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00am-6:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew D. Anderson can be reached on (571)272-4177. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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